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Dear Mr. Barber:

I have been informed that the Environmental Protection Agency is beginning the process of selecting sites for clean-up under the "Superfund." I would like to add my voice to that of Minnesota's congressional delegation, the state Pollution Control Agency, and the City of St. Louis Park in urging your strong consideration of the Reilly Tar and Chemical site as one of those for immediate funding.

Rather than dwelling on the details of which I am sure you are well aware, suffice it to say that this is perhaps the single worst hazardous waste problem in Minnesota. The discovery of carcinogens has already forced the closure of drinking wells in the immediate area, and the contamination has been found to be moving toward drinking water supplies for the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. The site poses a substantial threat to human health and has resulted in a great deal of concern on the parts of those living in the area as well as those charged with protecting the state's environment.

It is my hope that this concern can be matched by firm action. Both the state and the city are committed to seeing that the problems at Reilly are solved. A substantial effort by each has already been invested. The process, however, promises to demand a great deal more money, and is unfortunately beyond the present financial capabilities of either the city or the state.

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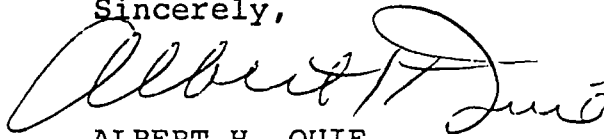
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I think it is precisely this type of site for which the superfund was developed. The need in this particular case is unquestioned. Prompt action is necessary both to clean up an existing problem and to prevent that problem from becoming an even greater one. I strongly urge your favorable consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert H. Quie".

ALBERT H. QUIE
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✓ cc: John McGuire, Environmental Protection Agency, Chicago, IL

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